

House Resolution No. 312

Whereas, upon occasion the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize those Show-Me State spiritual institutions which have demonstrated tremendous commitment to local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Park Crest Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri, was established in a firehouse on August 13, 1967, as an outreach of Southside Baptist Church as a vision of Hubert Keithley, first pastor, who sought to touch many lives through leadership of a Bible-preaching church designed to address the growth, potential, and needs of the southern part of the city; and

Whereas, during its more than three-decade-long history, Park Crest Baptist Church has prospered under the astute guidance of a small number of pastors that included Mike and Gaylon Randall from 1969 to 1974 and Bob and Mary Lou Perryman from 1974 to 1990; and

Whereas, in 1990 Gary and Carla Grey accepted the duties and responsibilities of leading Park Crest Baptist Church with its wide-ranging educational, worship, and outreach programs, and now enjoy the visionary help of Associate Pastor Brian Grey, Associate Pastor Phil Housley, Seniors' Pastor Clyde Barnes, Music Minister Jack Henry, Youth Pastor Scott Harrop, and JV Pastor Paul Ebert; and

Whereas, February 2001 brought a determination by the members and leadership of Park Crest Baptist Church to meet the increasing need for additional space through an ambitious building project whose completion will be dedicated on Sunday, March 9, 2003; and

Whereas, located between Republic Road and the James River Freeway, Park Crest Baptist Church facilities now contain a 1,200-seat auditorium with two cry rooms, twenty-two classrooms, a thirty-seat orchestra pit, a choir practice room for one hundred singers, new nursery facilities, a chapel, expanded parking, two major entrances, a new foyer with greeting areas and an information desk, a gymnasium, church offices, twelve restrooms, and space for future growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the completion of the Park Crest Baptist Church expansion project which began in February 2001 and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Park Crest Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Viebrock
District No. 134

Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 312, adopted February 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker